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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of three notes verbales with attachments dated 25 October 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the United States Department of State, on the violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex I

Note verbale dated 25 October 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to enclose two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, of a message received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 13 August 1996, an Iranian helicopter belonging to the Ministry of Oil and Petroleum, whose mission was to transport the Ministry's employee from Khark Island to Frouzan Oil Platform, was forced to return to Frouzan Oil Platform owing to the warnings of the United States forces and their military exercise north of the Frouzan Oil Platform.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal measures by the United States Government and calls for an end to such actions.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 25 October 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 29 July 1996, at 1840 hours, United States flotillas at the position of N2835 and E5013 jammed the system over an Iranian patrolling unit, whose position was N2821 and E5024. A United States F-16 aircraft has also, on a number of occasions, flown over an Iranian patrolling flotilla.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal activities by the United States Government and calls for an end to such actions.

Annex III

Note verbale dated 25 October 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2 May 1996, at 1000 hours, two United States helicopters flew over and photographed an Iranian exploratory hydrographic vessel on a routine hydrographical mission whose position was N2702 and E5154. Said helicopters came very close to the vessel and this pursuit lasted for two hours.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal activities by the United States Government and calls for an end to such actions.